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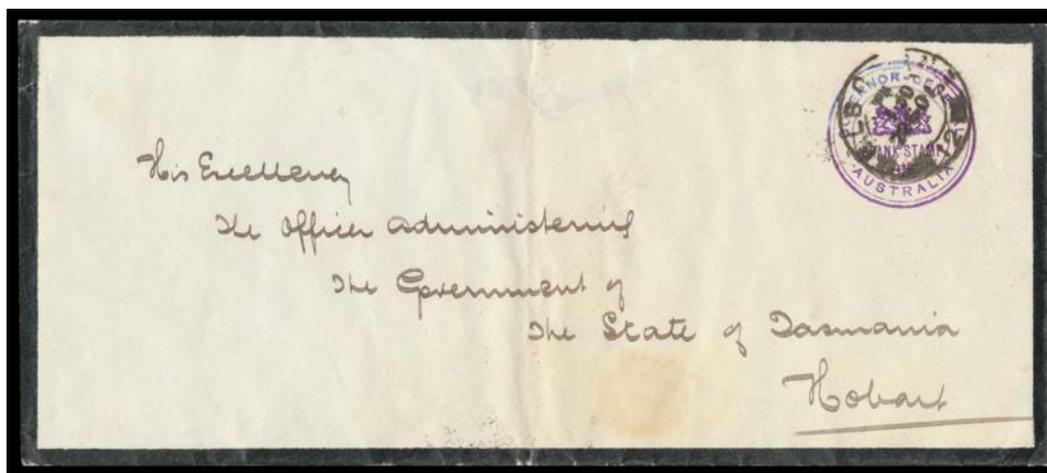
OFFICIAL MAIL - FRANK STAMPS

We are pleased to present the most extensive collection ever formed of this interesting material. Max Watson is the first collector ever to assemble examples of every frank stamp recorded on cover. His collection incorporates Carl Stieg's extensive reference holdings & collection, key items from Hans Karman's and Guy Linfield's collections, plus several important recent discoveries. The collection is offered alphabetically by "department" (an expression that is used rather loosely as it includes many officials as distinct from departments or ministries). Unless stated otherwise, impressions are printed, in black. Die patterns & rarity ratings are from the definitive study "Franked! The Official Mail of Victoria 1864-1902" by Carl Stieg & Max Watson (2008). The book includes a census of all items recorded until that time: items offered here are shown as "S&W #---". Note that items from the 1860s are rare, and from the 1870s are scarce: this collection includes more than twice as many as were in the Karman and Linfield collections combined. It should be noted that handstruck franks are often incomplete or badly worn: the quality of such strikes here is generally above-average, with many being quite exceptional. Probably 95% of all franked items are envelopes: this collection includes many postcards, plus very elusive wrappers, parcel tags, address labels & even a lettercard.

**Ex Lot 239**

239 C A/B **GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** 1900-02 envelopes with the h/s in blue, the first an irregular & unauthorised pre-Federation usage within NSW with Sydney DE29/00 cds & 'Government House Sydney/[Arms]' in red on the flap, the others with 'GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA/[Arms]' in black (mourning cover, the flap damaged) or ultramarine on the flap, both to England with 'VICTORIA/[crown]/OFFICIAL PAID' h/s. All absent from the census but the first is illustrated at page 87 where it is wrongly identified as #E40. [See also Lot **281250**] (3)

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**Lot 241**

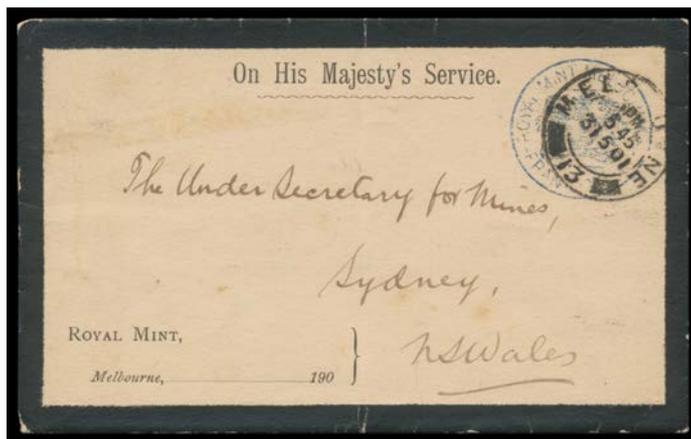
241 CL B - 1901 mourning envelope with very fine h/s in violet & Melbourne cds of 22.6.01 (S&W #90), to the Administrator of Tasmania, flap removed & minor blemishes. Rated RRRR: the only cover recorded with the h/s in violet. [From the period between the departure of Tasmanian Governor *The Lord Gormanston* and the arrival of *Captain Sir Arthur Havelock*]

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Lot 289

289 C B **ROYAL MINT:** Very fine h/s in blue on 1901 mourning envelope with seriffed 'ROYAL MINT/...' imprint at L/L (S&W #E20), to NSW with Sydney arrival b/s, light overall aging.

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TPOs: MELBOURNE-GEELONG-BALLARAT 1865-1890

Look at a map of Victoria & you will struggle to understand why the first railway line to Ballarat went via Geelong! The fact is, there was no direct line between Melbourne & Ballarat until 1890! Until that date all mail for Ballarat went via "the scenic route".

332 C A- A1+ **DOWN TRAIN 2:** Type 3 (Small Octagon) superb b/s of JA18/89 on mourning cover from Ireland with GB 6d Jubilee tied by superb Dublin duplex, Melbourne arrival b/s, forwarded to Queenscliff & serviced on the train between Melbourne & Geelong, light 'QUEENSLIFF' arrival backstamp. Rated R on cover but most examples are on mail between Melbourne-Geelong-Ballarad or Geelong-Ballarad, whereas this is from the much shorter Melbourne-Geelong sector. [With the original letter]

150^T**TPOs: MELBOURNE-SANDHURST/BENDIGO 1865-1927**

Lot 374

374 C A- A1- **DOWN TRAIN 4:** Type 1 (Large Octagon) largely very fine b/s of 3JY72 (LRD) on mourning cover from Scotland with Plate 5 1/- green, to "Scots Church/Melbourne" forwarded to 'TARADALE' (b/s) with *De La Rue* 2d x2 added for the redirection fee. Rated RRR+ with date configured DDMMYY (seen only in 1872).

350^T**TPOs: MELBOURNE-SALE 1878-1921**

Lot 417

417 C A- A2- **DOWN TRAIN 15:** Type 1 (Octagon) largely very fine b/s of JE17/02 on mourning cover from Scotland with superb 'BARRHILL/AYRSHIRE' cds, to "Metung/Gippsland Lakes" with Bairnsdale transit & 'METUNG' arrival b/s, redirected to Hawthorn, minor flap fault. Rated RRRR: seven covers recorded. *Ex Max Watson.*

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